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PATENT APPLICATION Attorney Docket No. SUN-P5867

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IN RE	PATENT APPLICATION OF	)
		) Examiner: Winder, Patrice L.
Kenneth W. Shirriff		)
		) Group Art Unit: 2145
Serial No. 09/900,298		)
		)
Filing Date: 5 July 2001		)
		)
Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISH-	)
	ING A QUORUM FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY	)
	DISTRIBUTED CLUSTER OF COMPUTERS	)

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [x] Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed 28 June 2005.
- [] A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a onemonth extension for a small entity.
- [] Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
  - [] check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - [] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- [] Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and references.
- [x] No additional claims fees are required.

[] An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A MENDED CLAIMS							
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE		
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =			
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =			
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- [] Charge \$\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_ (Docket No. \_\_\_).
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## **AMENDMENT**

Confirmation Number: 5693

Sir

In response to the office action of 28 June 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page XX of this paper.